

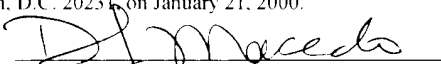


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DELIVERY COMPLEXES AND  
METHODS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION

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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

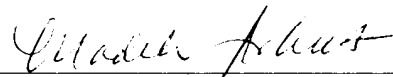
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